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The 1986 Christmas Fund

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



The Rev. Kim On Chong, 76, was ordained in 1938. He served as pastor of the Wailuku Chinese Church on Maui, Hawaii, from 1938 to 1942, when he was called to become chaplain at Mid-Pacific Institute on Oahu, where he remained until his retirement in 1975. The Rev. Chong continues to supply pulpits in his native Hawaii. (Poster subjects contribute their services and are not fund recipients)

It is more blessed to give...

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

This year's Christmas Fund theme is: "It is more blessed to give. . ."

These are the words by which many pastors have lived their lives. Often, their modest salaries have not permitted substantial savings. We have the opportunity, in the same spirit of giving, to ensure that our retired clergy live with dignity.

Your generous contribution to the Christmas Fund will be greatly appreciated.

SOUTHEAST DROUGHT RESPONSE

The Program Support Committee of the UCC Board for World Ministries, responding from One Great Hour of Sharing, approved Gustav Kuether's request for a grant of \$25,000 to Church World Service for aid to the Southeast area of the U.S. suffering from the drought.

In addition, the National Council of the Churches of Christ reports in the Oct. issue of News Briefs that more than \$1 million in cash and in-kind donations has been received to date for Church World Service's relief efforts among Southeastern U.S. farmers who are struggling to recover from the summer's drought.

As of October 23, donations of commodities and transportation valued at \$872,448 had been received, and \$154,841.92 had been contributed in cash, bringing the total received to \$1,027,289.92 toward an appeal for \$3 million (\$2.5 million in donated commodities and \$500,000 in cash). Since August, Church World Service, the relief and development division of the National Council of Churches, has been collecting and disbursing donations of hay, grain and seed in the Southeast. Donated cash is being used to cover transportation related costs.

Marian Hesse of Atlanta, Ga., is responsible for assessments and distribution centers for row crop and cattle farmers in Georgia and Alabama, and may be reached at:

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"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE. . ."

N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!

The 50th Anniversary in the Christian Ministry of Rev. John D. Schofield was celebrated on Sunday, October 12, in the Fellowship Hall of the Langdale Congregational Church, Langdale, Alabama.

The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. & Mrs. Joe French was celebrated in August, in Roanoke, Alabama!

Trinity United Church in Jonesboro, GA., is having a joint celebration on Sunday, November 9th. It is the 20th Anniversary of their church and the 30th Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, in the Christian Ministry.

Brookmeade, U.C.C., received an award as "Accessible Facility of the Year" at a Recognition Reception. They were selected by the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Handicapped Persons for both the physical accessibility of their facilities and their openness to including persons with handicapping conditions in all parts of church life and programs, giving whatever support is needed.

From Robbins Parrish comes the news of Bobby Burton's election as Scott County Commissioner from their district.

Also from Robbins Parrish, Sonya Bowling has been selected by the Society of Distinguished American High School Students as a member of their Honor Society for 1986. She was nominated for the honor by Rev. Ralph Galt, pastor of Glen Mary Congregational Church, U.C.C..

The Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, retired former pastor of Central Congregational Church in Atlanta, has a new book on the market. Life is a Trust, a collection of sermons by Fred, is available in the church office. The cost is \$6.95, of which \$1.00 goes to our congregation's Mission and Outreach funds.

MORE NEWS AND NOTES

The Annuitant Visitors program, a part of the United Church of Christ Pension Board, has appointed The Rev. Robert F. R. Peters and The Rev. Frederick A. Meyer as the representatives in the Southeast Conference. Best wishes to them both in this new endeavor!

Mark, Margee, Matthew and Meredith Frey were home for a visit during August - in the Robbins Parish - and have now returned to Zaire for at least another year as the National Director of Habitat for Humanity in Zaire. We pray for God's blessings and protection for the Freys.

One More Mention of the Cacko Family!
It has come to our attention that there were three churches actually involved in the "Americanization of the Cackos"! Glen Mary, Pleasant Hill and Fairfield Glade Churches were all involved in this effort of love and fellowship. Just wanted to set the record straight!

CHANGE IN PARSONAGE ALLOWANCE DEDUCTION

The Stewardship Council, UCC, reports that the 1986 Tax Reform Act repeals immediately Rev.R.83-3, which disallowed deductions for mortgage interest and real-estate taxes to those clergy who bought their homes after January 2, 1983, and who itemized deductions.

Therefore, pages 5-8 of the current 1985 edition of Minister's Parsonage Allowance, Social Security and Automobile Expenses that deal with Rev.R.83-3 no longer apply.

Those clergy who did not take those deductions for 1983, '84, and '85, are now entitled to a refund by filing an amended Form 1040X. The deadline for 1983 is April 15, 1987, so those affected should act immediately. The deadline for 1984 is April 15, 1988; for 1985, April 15, 1989.

See the 1986 Minister's Income Tax Guide for details.

CORRECTION: The new pastor at the United Church of Huntsville is Rev. Jim Norris - (not Morris!!)

CONFERENCE CORNER

My column this month is devoted to a report on the Annual Meetings of our Associations. I always enjoy being present and am encouraged to hear the work of our churches.

1] Alabama-Tennessee Association met in Athens, Alabama, on Sept. 19-20, hosted by Trinity Congregational U.C.C.. Moderator Daniel Rosemergy and his fellow officers led a well-attended and inspirational meeting. Dr. Paul B. Mohr, Sr., President of Talladega College, was the speaker.

2] The North Alabama Association met at Old Liberty Church in Town Creek, Alabama, on October 4th. Moderator Roger Loosier led a good meeting, with Don Morris being elected as the new Moderator. Retired missionary, Rev. Ralph Galt, was speaker.

3] The South Alabama-Northeast Florida Association met on October 11th, hosted by the New Hope Church in Clio, Alabama. Moderator Dale Foreman conducted a helpful and inspirational meeting. Former missionary Richard Sales was the speaker.

4] The East Alabama Association met on October 18th, hosted by the Hillside Congregational Christian Church in La-Grange, Georgia. Moderator Arthur Daily led the fine meeting and was re-elected to a full term. The Rev. Carrol Lewis of Suffolk, Virginia, was the speaker.

5] The Georgia-South Carolina Association met on October 24-25 at Plymouth Church in Charleston, S.C.. Moderator Dr. Erna Bryant led an inspirational program which highlighted great music presented by several choirs, including Charleston Plymouth, Atlanta First Congregational, Charleston Circular, and Midway Congregational Churches.

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"TO BE a steward is not the vocation of the individual Christian alone. It is also the mission of each Christian congregation and of the whole christian church. The church is sent into the world to teach, preach, and to live the gospel role of the steward."

Milton E. Gockley
U.C.C. Stewardship Council

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Freda Virginia Dick Brown



Our beloved Freda Brown died unexpectedly at her home on October 22. She was 66.

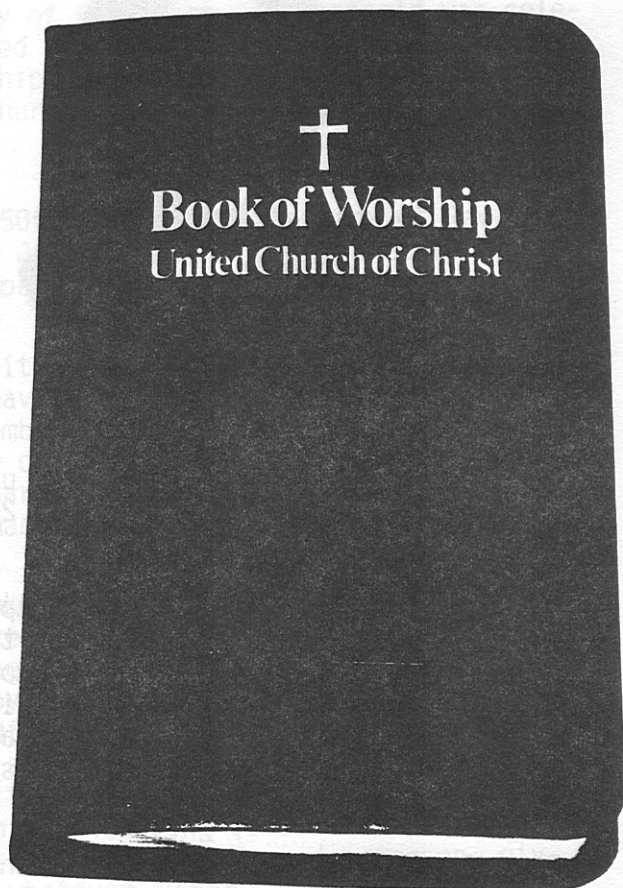
Born Freda Virginia Dick on April 5, 1920, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the daughter of George and Myrtle Kroll Dick, she graduated from Dodd College in Shreveport, and married Rev. Edward M. Brown, a graduate of Duke University and Yale Divinity School.

Freda was deeply involved in her community and in the life of her church at all levels, as teacher, youth leader, President of Women's Fellowship, and as the first woman Moderator. She served the denomination as Moderator of the GA-S.C. Association, as a member of the Board of Directors and Moderator of the Southeast Conference. She served nationally as a delegate to three sessions of General Synod and as a member of the Board for World Ministries.

Ecumenical activities included the Georgia Inter-Church Association and Church Women United, where she served as vice present of Georgia Church Women United and a delegate to the national board.

We will miss her ebullient spirit and her rare gift for listening - to each of us. We mourn her loss and offer to her family, Ed, and the children and grandchildren, our most sincere sympathy.

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